

# PROSECUTOR CALLED AS MORE P. S. SECRETS COME OUT

WEATHER—Rain probable to-night; Thursday clearing.

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# KAISER IN CONFERENCE ON PEACE SPEECH WITH IMPERIAL GERMAN CHANCELLOR

## NEW P. S. INQUIRY EVIDENCE PROMPTS THE INVESTIGATORS TO CALL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Talk of Arrests If Certain Statements Are Made on the Stand.

ODD FIND IN BOOKS.

Perkins Is Summoned After Special Accountant Makes Report.

Perley Morse, expert accountant for the Thompson Investigating Committee, who has been examining the bank accounts of Public Service Commissioners McCall, Wood and Williams and of William C. Banks, reported today that he had made some sensational discoveries.

Banks is the man to whom Commissioner Robert Colgate Wood testified he turned over his Northwestern Construction Company stock when Wood became a member of the Commission. That company has since installed apparatus in some subway extensions.

Stanley Richter of the District Attorney's office reported to Senator Thompson, Chairman of the Investigating committee, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Thompson held a long conference with him, explaining why he had called on Mr. Perkins for aid. It is understood that certain discoveries have been made by the Thompson committee's experts which may call for criminal prosecution. If a witness who has made certain admissions in private shall repeat them on the witness stand warrants may be asked for.

After the conference with Mr. Richter, Chairman Thompson made this announcement: "Certain matters which have come to the knowledge of the committee have been turned over to the District Attorney for his consideration. More than that cannot be said at this time."

Mr. Richter hurried back to report to the District Attorney. The last link between the Public Service Commission and ex-Chairman Edward E. McCall was severed this morning, when his public car was taken away. It is a big seven-passenger automobile with license No. 5249. Secretary Travis H. Whitney telephoned to the garage in Eighty-sixth Street, convenient to Mr. McCall's home, and told the chauffeur to bring the car downtown. It will be devoted to ordinary public service work hereafter and housed in the municipal garage under the Brooklyn Bridge.

### ROBBERY ON ASTOR ESTATE.

Home of Young Millionaire's Superintendent Entered.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The home of Herman Plinkham, superintendent of the estate of Vincent Astor at Rhinebeck, was entered by burglars last night and a fur overcoat and silverware valued at \$250 taken. Sheriff Hornbeck is now investigating the case. News of the robbery created a big stir, owing to the number of other wealthy residents living in the vicinity. Special efforts will be made to trace the burglars.

## ANY WHO SAYS WE ARE BEATEN TALKS THROUGH HIS HAT

—President Wilson

Executive Predicting Democratic Victory in 1916, Drops Parliamentary Speech.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Members of the Democratic National Committee were luncheon guests of President Wilson at the White House today. The President was seated between Chairman McCombs and Vice Chairman Homer Cummings of Connecticut. Thomas J. Penne, elected yesterday secretary, and Joseph P. Tumulty, the President's private secretary, occupied seats not far from Mr. Wilson. The luncheon was served in the State dining room.

At the luncheon, President Wilson, speaking briefly, told the committee-men the Democratic party should be in good order for the 1916 campaign, because it had carried out its election promises. Speaking, as he said, "in the family," the President reviewed the acts of the Administration since it came into power. The committee-men applauded him enthusiastically. No other addresses were made.

The President, remarking he did not think it necessary to address the committee in parliamentary language, said that: "Any one who thinks we can be beaten is talking through his hat."

## GREAT ITALIAN GUNS WIPING OUT GORIZIA

Bombardment Has Put a Stop to All Ordinary Business in Austrian City.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Italian bombardment of Gorizia has almost put a stop to the ordinary business activities of the city.

An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Zurich says the Department of Commerce and Industry, which remained in Gorizia until its buildings were struck by shells, has been transferred to Vienna.

## WHITMAN REFUSES TO GIVE SIGN ABOUT M'CALL'S SUCCESSOR.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Gov. Whitman today refused comment on the possible successor to Former Public Service Commissioner McCall. The Governor said he would make no appointment for the immediate present. To-day's journey of Secretary Orr to the metropolis has nothing to do with the vacancy, the Executive Office declared.

Whitman is practically certain to follow his own inclinations in his choice of McCall's successor. Indications are that Senator Thompson's advice against the selection of a subordinate in the First District Commission was not a very welcome offering to the Governor.

## CENTRAL READY TO SPEND \$50,000,000 ON 'DEATH AVENUE'

High Official Announces the Tracks Will Soon Be Off Grade on 11th Avenue.

SAYS CITY WILL PROFIT.

Company Will Elevate Tracks From 30th Street Downtown; Subway and "L" Uptown.

Ira A. Place, Vice President and General Counsel of the New York Central Railroad, said to a reporter for the Evening World this afternoon in the presence of former President Newman that negotiations now are under way with the city and probably will be completed within a short time by which the New York Central's tracks will be taken off grade in Eleventh Avenue.

Mr. Place said the New York Central Company was working with the Committee on Port and Terminal Facilities of the Board of Estimate, and added:

"We have been going over a general plan. I think we are working toward a reasonable solution of the whole matter. Under the plans being discussed and which are viewed favorably by both sides the entire work would cost about \$50,000,000 and the expense would be borne by the New York Central company."

This is the first time since the question of abolishing the New York Central tracks in Eleventh Avenue was raised that an official of the company has come forward with a statement that the "Death Avenue" question is in a way of final settlement.

Comptroller William A. Frederick, who is the Chairman of the Committee on Port and Terminal Facilities, was jubilant when told of Mr. Place's statement.

"It certainly looks very encouraging," he said. "It is true that negotiations for a settlement are under way, and it is true that we hope to come to a favorable conclusion within a short time."

Neither the Comptroller nor Mr. Place would go into the details of the "Death Avenue" track abolishment plan, but from another member of the Committee on Port and Terminal Facilities it was learned that the railroad company agreed to elevate the tracks from Thirtieth Street downtown and to construct subways and elevated structures from Thirtieth Street up to Spuyten Duyvil.

The Committee on Port and Terminal Facilities is to submit the new plan to the Board of Estimate on Dec. 15. It is expected the Board will give its approval and then the work of tearing up the tracks in Eleventh Avenue will be started.

"The New York Central Railroad Company has been anxious to get its tracks off Eleventh Avenue as the city has been to have them taken off," said Vice President Place. "The one big hitch came in the question of settlement."

"Under this new plan, the details of which cannot be made public until the Committee on Port and Terminal Facilities is ready to do so, the city as well as the railroad company will profit. New York has grown fast. It has grown far beyond its freight facilities as they now exist in Eleventh Avenue. "As to the matter of deaths in that thoroughfare, there have been comparatively few. I have had charts on this subject prepared, and the figures in them show that the term 'Death Avenue' is a misnomer."

## David Lamar and Von Rintelen Who Handled Money for Germany



## TANKER COMMUNIPAW SAFE; MYSTERY AS TO LOST SHIP

Standard Oil Officials Believe It Was Impossible for Their Vessel to Have Been at Point of Reported Attack.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A telegram from Alexandria, Egypt, received today by Lloyd's says that the American steamship Communipaw, reported sunk off the coast of Tripoli by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria on Monday.

It is inferred that possibly some confusion has arisen in regard to the identity of the vessel torpedoed.

It is recalled that the point at which the Communipaw is said to have been sunk corresponds closely to the position of the American tank ship Petrolite when it was attacked by a submarine on Sunday.

The announcement from Rome of the torpedoing of the Communipaw said she had been sunk near Tobruk, Tripoli. The position of the Petrolite was given as off the southeast coast of the island of Crete. The island lies directly north of Tripoli, about 200 miles from the African coast.

According to the despatch from Rome, the sinking of the Communipaw was seen by the captain of a steamer which was cruising near Tobruk. He thought the name of the steamer was the Columbia. Later it was said the ship was the Communipaw, but it is now believed that if any ship was sunk it was one other than the oil tanker, thereby leaving a mystery as to identity to be cleared.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The State Department today received a cablegram from Ambassador Page at Rome saying a vessel believed to be the Communipaw had been torpedoed and sunk.

His despatch was probably sent before word from the captain of the Communipaw reached Rome.

A despatch from Alexandria, Egypt, apparently contradictory of the report received by London today that the oil tanker Communipaw was safe, was received today by the Standard Oil offices here. This message stated that the Communipaw reached Alexandria on Sunday last and would sail for New York yesterday.

The despatch came from Capt.

## JOLT FOR SOCIETY IN PAPERS FOUND ON VON RINTELEN

Letters From Prominent Persons, One a Woman, Breathe Disloyalty.

LAMAR GOT THE CASH.

Bulk of \$700,000 Spent by German Agent Went to "Wolf of Wall Street."

Capt. Franz von Rintelen, the German agent who left behind him a trail through the ranks of labor, left others in higher ranks to remember him besides David Lamar, the "Wolf of Wall Street." When the gay captain, who had dined in naval, Newport and yachting circles, when not engaged in the work of inciting strikes in munition plants, was apprehended at Falmouth on the steamer Noordam his luggage was seized.

The captain had been so sure that he was going right on to Berlin that he had not thought of destroying his correspondence. As a result, it is said that a number of prominent Americans have become entangled in the web of his activities.

One letter written on violet scented paper, bearing the crest of a society woman of Newport and signed by her, breathes disloyalty to her native country. She says things about the American press which are not complimentary. Similar letters from prominent in society and financial circles were also found in von Rintelen's luggage. Those letters have been furnished to the State Department. So far as can be learned they have not been shown to the grand jury which is investigating the various German propaganda.

Unless another indictment is brought against von Rintelen the Government cannot bring him back from London, where he is supposed to be confined in the Tower. He is now under indictment for securing a passport by fraudulent means, as is Andrew D. Meloy, who is declared to have aided him in getting the passport. The offense is not extraditable. When von Rintelen was stopped at Falmouth by the British authorities this Government was not in possession of the facts regarding his activities in the labor world and his connection with David Lamar. United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall would not say whether von Rintelen will be among those indicted in connection

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## 64TH HOUR CYCLE SCORE.

	Miles.	Laps.
Grenda and Hill.....	1321	6
McNamara and Spears.....	1321	6
Fogler and Carman.....	1321	6
Lawrence and Maginn.....	1321	6
Drobach and Corry.....	1321	6
Mitten and Hansen.....	1321	6
Egg and Dupuy.....	1321	6
Ryan and Thomas.....	1321	6
Moran and Walthour.....	1321	6
Piercey and Walker.....	1321	6
Easton and Madden.....	1321	6
Seres and Linart.....	1321	6
Hanley and Halstead.....	1321	6
Sullivan and Anderson.....	1321	6
Rudd and Madonna.....	1321	6
Rudd-Rossi and Vanderstuyft.....	1321	3
Grenda leading—former record 1307 miles and 5 laps, made by Walthour and Halstead in 1914.		

WINTER CRUISES TO WARMER CLIMATES

## TERMS ON WHICH GERMANY WOULD END WAR TO BE TOLD TO-MORROW IN REICHSTAG

Tremendous Interest Shown at Berlin in the Forthcoming Address by Bethmann-Hollweg, Who Visited the Kaiser To-Day.

## SITUATION IN BALKANS ALSO TO BE EXPLAINED

AMSTERDAM, (via London) Dec. 8.—Despatches from Berlin state that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, has gone to confer with Emperor William at Army Headquarters. It is said that the purpose of his visit is to discuss with the Emperor the details of the Chancellor's speech to-morrow in the Reichstag, which is awaited with feverish interest by the public.

Seldom has there been such a demand for seats in the galleries of the Reichstag and the coming statement is the subject of universal speculation. Germany's intentions regarding the Balkans and the possibilities of peace are the chief topics upon which the Chancellor is expected to give light.

At a caucus to-day of the Free Conservative members of the Reichstag resolutions were adopted "demanding as the object of peace a Germany strengthened in its position of power and importantly enlarged and recompensed for its expenditures through the retention to the uttermost extent possible of all districts now occupied."

Freedom of the seas also is demanded. The party expresses regret for the increase in prices of necessities, but declares the cost of living is lower in this country than in the countries with which Germany is at war.

It is said there is sufficient food for

## ASQUITH PROMISES TO TELL COMMONS OF ANY PEACE PROPOSALS

LONDON, Dec. 8.—In the House of Commons to-day Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, asked Premier Asquith for a pledge that no proposals for negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory shall be rejected by the British Government without the knowledge of Parliament.

"If," said the Premier, "proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy Governments either directly or through a neutral power, they will first be discussed by the allied Governments. Until this contingency arises I cannot give any further pledge."

"As soon as proposals for peace are put forward it will be the desire of the Government to take Parliament into its confidence at the earliest possible moment."

## MONTENEGRO SEEKS A SEPARATE PEACE SAYS BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (by wireless to Sayville).—"According to despatches received by the Frankfurter Zeitung," says the Overseas News Agency, "Montenegro has expressed a desire for a separate peace."

"King Nicholas, according to the despatches, personally handed to the Entente Ambassadors a document suggesting the possibility of a separate peace for Montenegro, which was represented as exhausted and unable to withstand the superior forces of the enemy. The Ambassadors replied that in such a case they would break off diplomatic relations and cease giving the assistance that hitherto had been accorded Montenegro."

## \$50,000 CLAIM MADE FOR ONE ARABIC VICTIM

Heirs of Dr. E. F. Wood Present Case Against Germany to State Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The heirs of Dr. E. F. Wood, of Wisconsin, one of the Americans lost in the Arabic disaster, will ask Germany to indemnify them for at least \$50,000. An attorney for the estate conferred today with Secretary Lansing.

The State Department and German officials have been awaiting the filing of the first claim for an indication of what might be asked, not only for the victims of the Arabic, but for Americans who lost their lives on the Lusitania.